

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Thomas E. Bergstrom, M.D., a 56 year-old physician from Winterset, Iowa, was charged by the Board with violating a lawful order of the Board, habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs and the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of drugs or as the result of a mental or physical condition. On September 19, 1985, Dr. Bergstrom's Iowa medical license was placed on probation due to allegations of substance abuse. On July 17, 2001, Dr. Bergstrom's license was again placed on probation following new allegations of substance abuse. Dr. Bergstrom recently tested positive for a controlled substance on two separate occasions. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 9, 2003.

Robert P. Marseille, M.D., a 45 year-old physician from Coralville, Iowa, was charged by the Board with the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental condition and engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct when he failed to accurately document patient care provided and he documented patient examinations on several occasions when in fact no examination was performed. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 16, 2003.

Venu G. Menon, M.D., a 61 year-old physician from McCook, Nebraska, was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the Oklahoma Medical Board. October 26, 2002, the Oklahoma Board denied Dr. Menon's request for reinstatement of his Oklahoma medical license based on information indicating Dr. Menon submitted false information on his June 28, 2002, Oklahoma medical license reinstatement application and that he lost his hospital privileges at two hospitals in the state of Ohio based on quality of care concerns. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 9, 2003.

Oram Miller, D.O., a 49 year-old physician from Fairfield, Iowa, was charged by the Board with engaging in sexual misconduct on over thirty occasions between 1989 and the present. Dr. Miller was also charged with the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental or physical condition. On October 21, 1997, Dr. Miller's Iowa medical license was placed on probation following allegations he inappropriately touched a female patient in a sexual manner while practicing osteopathic medicine in Maryland. The Board recently received information indicating Dr. Miller inappropriately touched at least thirty female patients in a sexual manner in the last fourteen years. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for July 9, 2003.

Suzanne E. Munns, M.D., a 46 year-old physician from Waterloo, Iowa. The Board reinstated Dr. Munn's Iowa medical license and placed her on five years probation under certain terms and conditions due to substance abuse. On July 25, 2002, Dr. Munns' license was indefinitely suspended following charges she tested positive for a controlled substance in violation of her probationary order with the Board. Dr. Munns' Iowa medical license had been previously placed on five-years probation due to substance abuse.

Charles P. Pritchard, D.O., a 65 year-old physician from Bettendorf, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Pritchard was charged by the Board for inappropriately self-prescribing and/or self-dispensing controlled substances and habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of drugs and the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of drugs or alcohol. The Board received information indicating Dr. Pritchard self-prescribed controlled substances for his own use. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Pritchard's Iowa medical license is subject to certain monitoring terms and conditions for a period of five (5) years due to substance abuse. Dr. Pritchard was also issued a Citation and Warning and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Dennis C. Ridgway, D.O., a 48 year-old physician from West Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Ridgway was charged with habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of alcohol and the inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of alcohol. The Board received information indicating Dr. Ridgway has abused alcohol and suffers from alcohol dependence. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Ridgway's Iowa medical license was suspended indefinitely.

Mark A. Sundell, D.O., a 51 year-old physician from Globe, Arizona, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Sundell was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the Wyoming Medical Board. On August 26, 2002, Dr. Sundell's Wyoming medical license was placed on probation for a period of five years due to competency concerns. Dr. Sundell allegedly failed to appropriately interpret an x-ray. Dr. Sundell's Wyoming medical license was subsequently revoked for failure to comply with the terms of probation. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board, Dr. Sundell's Iowa medical license was suspended indefinitely.